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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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(C) SEOUL 7746

1. DCM DISCUSSED COMMUNIQUE IN LIGHT INSTRUCTIONS  
REFTEL (A) WITH VICE FONMIN LHO SHIN-YONG AND AMERICAN  
BUREAU DIRECTOR LEE SANG-OK AFTERNOON NOV 21.

2. AS TEXT BELOW WILL INDICATE, HO WAS PREPARED TO  
ACCEPT MOST SUGGESTIONS AND TO MAKE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS  
FROM ROK SIDE, WHICH EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE ACCEPT.

3. QUESTION OF INVITATION TO PRES PARK EMERGED AS  
MAJOR POINT AT ISSUE. LHO SAID HIS SUPERIORS HAD BEEN  
GREATLY DISTRESSED BY OMISSION THIS PARAGRAPH IN  
EARLIER TEXT. HE ARGUED THAT EVERY PREVIOUS US/ROK  
PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE HAD CONTAINED INVITATION  
AND THAT OMISSION IN THIS COMMUNIQUE WOULD HAVE MAJOR  
AND DANGEROUS IMPACT ON SITUATION IN ROK. LHO SAID  
HIS SUPERIORS, WAITING HIS REPORT OF THIS MEETING AT  
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PRIMIN'S RESIDENCE, WOULD INFER THAT USG HAD NO INTEN-

TION TO EXTEND INVITATION TO PRES PARK, WITH CONSEQUENT  
ILL EFFECTS ON WHOLE TENOR OF VISIT. LHO PLEADED WITH  
DCM ACCEPT INVITATION PARA EVEN WITH ADDITION OF SECOND  
SENTENCE, WHICH WOULD STATE THAT TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED  
THAT VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT TIME OF MUTUAL CONVEN-  
IENCE, WHICH LHO SAID SHOULD OFFER SUFFICIENT VAGUENESS  
TO SUIT US PURPOSES. DCM REITERATED THAT, AS LHO  
AWARE FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, DCM HAD AUTHORITY  
ONLY TO NEGOTIATE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE AND NOT QUESTION  
OF INVITATION, WHICH HIS INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED WOULD  
BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.

4. AS INDICATED BELOW, OTHER STICKING POINT INVOLVED  
LANGUAGE PARA 8.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AT THIS STAGE WITH  
COMMENTS RE CHANGES IN PARENTHESES. PARA NUMBERS ARE  
FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND NOT INCLUSION IN TEXT ITSELF.  
BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN  
PRESIDENT PARK GHUNG HEE  
AND PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

SEOUL, NOVEMBER 23, 1974

1. AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
OF THE UNITED STATES VISITED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
ON NOVEMBER 22 AND 23, 1974, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE  
CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND TO DISCUSS MATTERS  
OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE TWO NATIONS.

2. DURING THE VISIT THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD  
DISCUSSIONS ON TWO OCCASIONS. PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS  
WERE PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL, SECRETARY OF STATE  
HENRY KISSINGER, FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO,  
PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHUNG UM,  
AMBASSADOR RICHARD L. SNEIDER, AMBASSADOR HAHM PYONG CHOON  
AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. PRESIDENT  
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FORD ALSO VISITED AMERICAN FORCES STATIONED IN THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA. (NOTE: CORRECT SPELLING OF  
KIM CHUNG YUM.)

3. PRESIDENT FORD LAID A WREATH AT THE MEMORIAL  
OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIERS. HE ALSO VISITED THE GRAVE OF  
MADAME PARK CHUNG HEE AND EXPRESSED HIS DEEPEST PERSONAL  
CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT PARK ON HER TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY

DEATH. (NOTE: CORRECT NAME IS MEMORIAL, NOT TOMB.)

4. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE STRONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE COOPERATION AND REGULAR CONSULTATION ON SECURITY MATTERS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK NOTE OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES IN THE SITUATION IN ASIA IN RECENT YEARS. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THE ALLIED COUNTRIES IN THE AREA ARE GROWING STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS AND ARE MAKING INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR SECURITY AS WELL AS TO THAT OF THE REGION. PRESIDENT FORD EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES, AS A PACIFIC POWER, IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND WILL CONTINUE ITS BEST EFFORT TO ENSURE THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION. PRESIDENT PARK EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING AND FULL SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES POLICIES DIRECTED TOWARD THESE ENDS.

(NOTE: MINOR CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE AVOIDS CONSECUTIVE USE OF "INCREASING".)

6. PRESIDENT PARK DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA, DESIGNED TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND ESTABLISH PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND TO LEAD EVENTUALLY TO THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA. PRESIDENT PARK AFFIRMED THE INTENTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE DESPITE THE FAILURE OF THE NORTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES TO RESPOND WITH SINCERITY THUS FAR. PRESIDENT FORD GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE

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EFFORTS BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WOULD MEET WITH POSITIVE RESPONSES BY ALL CONCERNED. (NOTE: IN FIRST SENTENCE KOREANS WISH TO USE "MAINTIAN" TO INDICATE DIALOGUE ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL CLAUSE CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA AS OBJECTIVE OF DIALOGUE.)

7. THE TWO PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE CURRENT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORANCE OF FAVORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. BOTH EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BASE ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KOREAN

QUESTION ON A RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE PRESERVED PEACE ON THE  
KOREAN PENINSULA FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES.

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8. PRESIDENT PARK EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND DESCRIBED THE THREAT TO PEACE AND STABILITY OF HOSTILE ACTS BY NORTH KOREA, EXEMPLIFIED MOST RECENTLY BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL INSIDE THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. (NOTE: ALTHOUGH LHO EXTREMELY DISTRESSED, HE AGREED TO REPORT TO HIS SUPERIORS OUR INSISTENCE ON DROPPING FORMER SECOND SENTENCE THIS PARA. WE CAN EXPECT KOREANS WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORT TO HAVE THIS SENTENCE INCLUDED DESPITE FACT WHICH HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT LANGUAGE OF FOLLOWING PARA HAS SAME THRUST.)

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES AND AMERICAN FORCES STATIONED IN KOREA MUST MAINTAIN A HIGH DEGREE OF STRENGTH AND READINESS IN ORDER TO DETER AGGRESSION. PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO REPEL ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESIDENT

FORD ASSURED PRESIDENT PARK THAT THE UNITED STATES  
HAS NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF UNITED STATES  
FORCES IN KOREA. (NOTE: DCM MADE CLEAR THAT LAST  
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SENTENCE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS COUNTER TO OUR  
PLANS RE REMOVAL CERTAIN MISSILE UNITS OF WHICH KOREANS  
ALREADY WELL AWARE.)

10. THE TWO PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF THE  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED  
FORCES AND AGREED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IS  
OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
KOREA AND PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. PRESIDENT FORD  
TOOK NOTE OF THE INCREASING SHARE OF THE DEFENSE BURDEN  
WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ABLE AND WILLING TO ASSUME  
AND AFFIRMED THE READINESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE  
TO RENDER APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT  
OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

11. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE  
RAPID AND SUSTAINED ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF KOREA, ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FACE OF VARIOUS OBSTACLES,  
INCLUDING THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT INDIGENOUS NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND CONTINUING TENSIONS IN THE AREA. PRESIDENT  
PARK NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE UNITED STATES CONTRI-  
BUTION TO KOREA'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC  
AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS. (NOTE: KOREANS PREFERRED  
USE "VARIOUS" RATHER THAN "CONSIDERABLE" IN FIRST SENTENCE.  
THEY ALSO REQUESTED OMISSION FORMER LAST SENTENCE AS  
ESSENTIALLY MINGLESS.)

12. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXAMINED THE IMPACT OF RECENT  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. THEY AGREED THAT  
THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOSTER CLOSE  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND THAT  
THEY SHOULD GUIDE THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD EACH  
OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CLOSER INTER-DEPENDENCE AMONG  
ALL NATIONS. THEY SHARED THE VIEW THAT COORDINATION  
OF THEIR POLICIES ON NEW PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS NECESSARY. BOTH PRESIDENTS  
EXPRESSED MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER THE CONTINUING GROWTH  
OF SUBSTANTIAL BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH HAVE  
BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT  
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE REDUCTION  
OF TRADE DISTORTIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK  
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FOR ENSURING STABLE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND REALIZATION OF  
STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE PRICES.

(NOTE: KOREANS HAVE ACCEPTED LANGUAGE SUGGESTED  
REF (A) WITH CHANGE IN THIRD SENTENCE, WHICH SOMEWHAT  
WEAKENS OUR DRAFT BUT APPEARS OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE.)

13. PRESIDENT PARK EXPRESSED HIS HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
AND RESPECT FOR THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY PRESIDENT  
FORD TO ESTABLISH WORLD PEACE AND TO RESTORE WORLD  
ECONOMIC ORDER. (NOTE: KOREANS FELT LANGUAGE THIS  
PARA OVERLY FLORID AND SUGGESTED DELETION OF "PROFOUND".)

14. ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AND  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PRESIDENT FORD EXTENDED HIS DEEPEST  
THANKS TO PRESIDENT PARK AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR THE WARMTH OF THEIR RECEPTION  
AND THE MANY COURTESIES EXTENDED TO HIM DURING THE  
VISIT. END TEXT.

6. FOREGOING BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT INSTRUCTIONS  
CONTAINED REF (A) TOOK REF (C) INTO ACCOUNT.

7. JUST AS THIS TELEGRAM BEING COMPLETED, LHO CALLED  
TO SAY THAT HE HAD CLEARED COMPLETE TEXT AS TRANSMITTED  
ABOVE WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER,  
PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL, AND OTHER SENIOR  
OFFICIALS. CLEARANCE INCLUDED DELETION SECOND  
SENTENCE PARA 8 AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING RE LAST  
SENTENCE PARA 9. LHO STATED, HOWEVER, THAT WITHOUT  
INCLUSION OF INVITATION PARAGRAPH, ROKG COULD NOT  
ACCEPT ANY PART OF COMMUNIQUE.

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